

Election 2010



Voter's Information Pamphlet

Dear Voter:

The Guam Election Commission has prepared this "Voter's Information Pamphlet" to provide you with information on Registration and Absentee Voting Procedures for the 2010 Elections.

If you need further information, please visit our office or call 477-9791/2/3. You may also visit our website at www.gec.guam.gov or email us at director@gec.guam.gov. We will be happy to assist you.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION. You may register to vote if you meet the following:

- ✓ Citizen of the United States;
- ✓ Legal resident of Guam;
- ✓ Eighteen (18) years of age by election day;
- ✓ Not confined to a mental institution, nor judicially declared insane; and
- ✓ Not serving a sentence of imprisonment.

WHEN TO REGISTER. You may register anytime during the year, but not later than ten (10) days prior to an election.

HOW AND WHERE TO REGISTER. You may register to vote by completing an Affidavit of Registration at any of the following:

- ✓ The Election Commission office;
- ✓ With a Deputized Volunteer Registrar; or
- ✓ At your Village Mayor's Office (21 days prior to an election).

YOU MUST PROVIDE

- ✓ Copy of U.S. Passport; or
- ✓ Copy of Birth Certificate with a picture identification card; or
- ✓ Certificate of Naturalization with a picture identification card.

RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION. Once registered, you do not need to register again unless you:

- ✓ Did not vote at the **2006 and 2008 General Election**; or
- ✓ Are transferring your voting district.

Failure to renew your registration in the above instances will prevent you from voting on the day of the scheduled election.

TRANSFERING YOUR VOTING DISTRICT. You may transfer your voting district during the time of registration at the Commission's office or at your village Mayor's office (21 days prior to the **Primary election** and anytime AFTER the **General election**). Registered voters may **NOT** transfer their voting district between a primary and general election held in the same calendar year. This does not apply to unregistered voters who were not registered in the Primary election but who seek to register for the General election.

APPLICATION/REGISTRATION BY MAIL. If you are off-island or a homebound voter, you may request for an Absentee Ballot Application, which constitutes as your Affidavit of Registration or if in the Armed Forces, you may use an SF-76 form.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES.

- ✓ **Primary Election:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010
- ✓ **General Election:** Friday, October 22, 2010.

NOTE: Hours of Registration will be published and announced for both elections. Registration will take place at your Village Mayor's Office. Potential registrants may also register at the Commission's office.

VOTING PROCEDURE

ABSENTEE VOTING. If you are unable to physically vote at your polling place, you may vote by Absentee Ballot.

CONDITIONS UPON THE RIGHT TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT.

- ✓ The conduct of business or necessary travel;
- ✓ Illness or physical disability;
- ✓ Service in the Armed Forces or Merchant Marine of the United States;
- ✓ Employment with the island of Guam which would prevent the voter from going to the polls on Election Day.
- ✓ Attendance at an institution of learning;
- ✓ Employment in the Service of the United States or any federal agency;
- ✓ Accompanying a spouse engaged in any of the above activities.

HOW TO APPLY. An Absentee Ballot Application Form must be completed and filed by each voter for the Primary Election. There are two options to apply for an absentee ballot.

The first option requires access to the internet. Log-on to our website at www.gec.guam.gov. At the top of the website you will see six (6) categories click on **documents**. Then Select **Absentee Voting Application** and print out the application. After printing the entire application (both pages), fill out the application, and send it to Guam Election Commission.

The second option is to call Guam Election Commission at (671) 477-9791-4. When you call, let our staff member know you are off-island and you would like to request for an Absentee Ballot Application. Provide the staff member with your full name and off-island mailing address. We will then forward an Absentee Ballot Application to the address provided. When you receive the application, fill out both sides, and send it to the Guam Election Commission. Your application will also be considered an application for the General Election.

ABSENTEE APPLICATION DEADLINES

OFF ISLAND/HOMEBOUND VOTER. To vote in the **Primary Election**, applications must be received by **September 1, 2010** (preferably before the deadline to ensure that your ballot is received on time). To vote in the **General Election**, applications must be received by **October 30, 2010** (preferably before the deadline to ensure that your ballot is received on time).

NOTE: For homebound applicants, you are required to provide a map to your physical location and a contact number. Upon approval of your application, your Absentee Ballot will be sent to you once it is available.

IN OFFICE/EARLY VOTER. To vote in the **Primary Election**, you must fill out an application and cast your ballot in the Commission's office between **Thursday, August 5, 2010** and **Friday, September 3, 2010**. To vote in the **General Election**, you must fill out an application and cast your ballot in the Commission's office between **Friday, October 1, 2010** and **Monday, November 1, 2010**.

HOSPITALIZED VOTER. If you are hospitalized on Election Day, you may request to vote by Absentee Ballot. Contact the Commission's office at 477-9791-4 as early as possible.

NOTE: For Registration Purposes, the Commission must receive your application by **Wednesday August 25, 2010** for the **Primary Election** and **Friday October 22, 2010** for the **General Election**.

DATE OF ELECTIONS.

- ✓ **PRIMARY:** Saturday, September 4, 2010
- ✓ **GENERAL:** Tuesday, November 2, 2010

TIME OF ELECTION. Polls will open at 7:00a.m. and will close at 8:00p.m.

OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION

PRIMARY ELECTION:

- ✓ Governor / Lt. Governor;
- ✓ Members to the 31ST Legislature;
- ✓ Non-Voting Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives; and
- ✓ Attorney General

GENERAL ELECTION:

- ✓ Governor / Lt. Governor;
- ✓ Members to the 31ST Legislature;
- ✓ Non-Voting Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives;
- ✓ Attorney General;
- ✓ Guam Education Policy Board;
- ✓ Consolidated Commission on Utilities;
- ✓ Judicial Questions, and
- ✓ Initiatives (**if any**).

ELECTION POLLING SITES (TENTATIVE)

HAGATNA:	Guam Legislature
ASAN/MAINA:	Asan/Maina Community Center
PITI:	Jose Rios Middle School Cafeteria
AGAT:	Oceanview Middle School
SANTA RITA:	Harry S. Truman Elementary School
UMATAC:	FQ Sanchez Elementary School
MERIZO:	Merizo Martyrs' Elementary School
INARAJAN:	Inarajan Middle School

TALOFOFO: Talofoto Elementary School

YONA: M.U. Lujan Elementary School

CHALAN PAGO/ORDOT: Chalan Pago/Ordos Elementary School

SINAJANA: C.L. Taitano Elementary School

AGANA HTS: Agana Heights Elementary School

MTM: J.Q. San Miguel Elementary School

BARRIGADA: Untalan Middle School

MANGILAO: U.O.G. Field House

TAMUNING: Tamuning Elementary School

DEDEDO: Wettengel Elementary School (A-D)
M.A. Ulloa Elementary School (E-N)
Astumbo Gymnasium (O-Z)

YIGO: Yigo Gymnasium

NOTE: The Polling Sites identified above have yet to be confirmed, and therefore are tentative and may be subject to change.

TIME OFF FOR VOTING

Pursuant to Section 9127, Title 3 Elections, Guam Code Annotated, every voter is entitled to absent himself/herself from his/her place of employment for two (2) consecutive hours between the time of opening and the time of closing the polls. The voter shall not be penalized nor shall any deductions be made from his usual salary or wages because of such absence.

WARNING

Every person who willfully causes procures or allows himself/herself or any person to be registered as a voter, knowing himself/herself or that other person not to be entitled to registration, is guilty of a felony of third degree.